

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 03-1075)

Appl. No. : 10/729,123 Confirmation No. 9023
Applicants : Jens-Uwe Schluetter
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TC/A.U. : 2173
Examiner : Namitha Pillai

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Examiner Pillai:

In response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review, Applicants submit the present RCE to reopen prosecution.

Applicants do not believe any extension of time is necessary, however, if an extension of time is needed to make the present response timely, Applicants herein include a petition for extension of such time. The commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee to deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.